

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming system comprising:
a first image forming member having a data storage unit; and
an image forming apparatus for forming an image on at least the first image forming member, wherein:
the image forming apparatus includes:
an image reading unit for reading a plurality of images, which are printed on originals, respectively, to form image data each indicating the read images;
a merging unit for merging the plurality of images into a single combined image;
an image forming unit for forming the ~~read images~~combined image on the single first image forming member; and
a data writing unit for writing the ~~image data indicating the images~~combined image formed on the single first image forming member into the first image forming member; and
the data storage unit stores the written image data.
2. (Previously Presented) The image forming system according to claim 1, further comprising:
a second image forming member; and
a third image forming member, wherein:
the first image forming member further includes a data supply unit for supplying the stored image data to an external;

the image forming apparatus further includes a data reading unit for reading the image data supplied from the data supply unit; and

the image forming unit utilizes the image data read by the data reading unit to form the image corresponding to the image data on one of the third image forming member and the second image forming member.

3. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image reading unit for reading a plurality of images, which are printed on originals, respectively, to form image data each indicating the read images;

a merging unit for merging the plurality of images into a single combined image;

an image forming unit for forming the ~~read images~~combined image on a single first image forming member; and

a data writing unit for writing ~~the image data indicating the images~~combined image formed on the single first image forming member into the first image forming member.

4. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising:

a data reading unit for reading the image data from the first image forming member, wherein:

the image forming unit utilizes the image data read by the data reading unit to form the image corresponding to the image data on one of a third image forming member and a second image forming member.

5. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising:

a display unit for displaying at least one image using the image data read by the data reading unit.

6. (Original) The image forming apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the image data read by the data reading unit is plural pieces of image data, the image forming apparatus further comprising:

a selecting unit for receiving an operation to select at least one of the plural pieces of image data, wherein:

the image forming unit forms the image corresponding to the selected image data on the one of the single first image forming member and a single second image forming member.

7. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image reading unit for reading a plurality of images, which are printed on originals, respectively, to form image data each indicating the read images;

a merging unit for merging the plurality of images into a single combined image;

an image forming unit for forming the ~~read images~~combined image on a single first image forming member; and

a data writing unit for writing layout data indicating positions where the ~~images formed~~combined image on the single first image forming member ~~are~~is displayed into the first image forming member.

8. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising:

a data reading unit for reading the layout data from the first image forming member, wherein:

the image reading unit reads the images formed on the first image forming member; and

the image forming unit divides the images read from the first image forming

member in accordance with the read layout data and forms the divided images on one of a third image forming member and a second image forming member.

9. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image reading unit for reading a plurality of images, which are printed on originals, respectively, to form image data each indicating the read images;

a merging unit for merging the plurality of images into a single combined image;

an image forming unit for forming the ~~read images~~ combined image on a single first image forming member; and

a data writing unit for writing total number data indicating total number of the plurality of images in the combined image formed on the single first image forming member into the first image forming member.

10. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising:

a data reading unit for reading the total number data from the first image forming member, wherein:

the image reading unit reads the images formed on the first image forming member; and

the image forming unit divides the images read from the first image forming member in accordance with the read total number data and forms the divided images on one of a third image forming member and a second image forming member.

11. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image reading unit for reading a plurality of images, which are printed on originals, respectively, to form image data each indicating the read images;

a merging unit for merging the plurality of images into a single combined image;

an image forming unit for forming the ~~read images~~combined image on a single first image forming member; and

a data writing unit for writing size ~~data~~data, indicating sizes of the originals whose images are formed in the combined image on the single first image forming ~~member~~member, into the first image forming member.

12. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising:

a data reading unit for reading the size data from the first image forming member; and

a forming member selection unit for selecting an image forming member having size corresponding to the read size data, wherein:

the image reading unit reads the images formed on the first image forming member; and

the image forming unit forms at least part of the read images on the selected image forming member.

13. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image reading unit for reading a plurality of images, which are printed on originals, respectively, to form image data each indicating the read images;

a merging unit for merging the plurality of images into a single combined image;

an image forming unit for changing sizes of the read images in the combined image by a predetermined magnification to form ~~the a changed~~ combined image on a first image forming member; and

a data writing unit for writing magnification data indicating the predetermined magnification into the first image forming member.

14. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising:

a data reading unit for reading the magnification data from the first image forming member, wherein:

the image reading unit reads the images formed on the first image forming member; and

the image forming unit changes the images read from the first image forming member in accordance with the read magnification data to form changed images on one of a third image forming member and a second image forming member.

15. (Original) An image forming member on which at least one image displayed on at least one original is to be formed, comprising:

a data storage unit for receiving and storing image data of the at least one image displayed on the at least one original; and

a data supply unit for supplying the stored image data to an external.

16. (Currently Amended) An image forming method comprising:

reading a plurality of images, which are printed on originals, respectively, to form image data each indicating the read images;

combining the read images into a combined image;

forming the ~~read images~~ combined image on a single first image forming member; and

writing the image data indicating the read images in the combined image formed on the single first image forming member into the first image forming member.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing a program causing

a computer to perform an image forming process, the process comprising:

reading a plurality of images, which are printed on originals, respectively, to form image data each indicating the read images;

combining the read images into a combined image;

forming the ~~read images~~combined image on a single first image forming member; and

writing the image data indicating the read images in the combined image formed on the single first image forming member into the first image forming member.